# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have proposed to take up any steps to promote research in agricultural biotechnology;

(b) if so, the financial outlay earmarked for the development of agricultural biotechnology during 2002-2003;

(c) whether all research institutions are availing the grants for conducting research in this field;

(d) if not , the reasons therefor; and

(e) steps the Government is initiating to create a pool of technical skill which is sine qua non to capitalise the spin offs of the scientific advancements in the field of agricultural biotechnology?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi with financial outlay (2002-03) of Rs.100.00 lakhs and National Research Centre on DNA Fingerprinting, New Delhi with outlay (2002-03) of Rs.70.00 lakhs are exclusively conducting research on agricultural biotechnology in the ICAR.Besides, ICAR Institutes on food, fodder, fibre and horticultural crops, and annual and fisheries improvement and management are also engaged in research on agricultural biotechnology for which need based grants are being provided to different institutions.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Scientists are being imparted training both in the country as well as abroad on the biotechnological aspects relating to plant, animal science and fisheries to enhance their competence and update their technical skills. Such programme will continue in future also.